In the Claims:

Cancel claims 13, 20, 22-24 without prejudice, and amend claims 12, 14, 15, 21 and 25, as follows:

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) Surgical apparatus comprising:

an elongated cannula including a plural number of lumens extending therein between proximal and distal ends thereof;

a retractor disposed within a lumen of the cannula to extend beyond the distal end of the cannula for engaging a vessel in response to movement of the retractor within the lumen to resiliently displace the vessel away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula; and

a surgical tool supported in a lumen of the elongated cannula and extending beyond the distal end thereof for simultaneous operation with the retractor for performing a surgical procedure on ~~a tissue structure~~ the vessel engaged by the retractor.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the retractor and the surgical tool are relatively movable near the distal end of the cannula to facilitate severing a portion of ~~a tissue structure~~ the vessel engaged by the retractor.

15. (Currently Amended) Surgical apparatus ~~according the claim 12 in which~~ comprising:

an elongated cannula including a plural number of lumens extending therein between proximal and distal ends thereof;

a retractor disposed within a lumen of the cannula to extend beyond the distal end of the cannula for engaging a vessel in response to movement of the retractor within the lumen, ~~Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which~~ the retractor ~~includes~~ including at least one arm slidably disposed within said lumen of the cannula that supports a cradle in lateral orientation with respect to the arm; and

a surgical tool supported in a lumen of the elongated cannula and extending beyond the distal end thereof for performing a surgical procedure on a vessel engaged by the retractor.

16. (Previously Added) Surgical apparatus according to claim 15 in which the cradle includes a generally U-shaped segment laterally oriented with respect to the arm.

17. (Previously Added) Surgical apparatus according to claim 15 including a pair of arms slidably disposed within lumens of the catheter and supporting the cradle therebetween at distal ends of the pair of arms.

18. (Previously Added) Surgical apparatus according to claim 16 in which the arm includes a distal portion thereof that is laterally flexible and resiliently biased away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula.

19. (Previously Added) Surgical apparatus according to claim 18 in which the U-shaped cradle includes a recess disposed to engage a vessel therein

that is aligned in the direction of the resilient bias for resiliently deflecting a vessel engaged thereby away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A surgical procedure performed with an elongated cannula including a retractor and a surgical tool disposed near a distal end of the cannula, the procedure comprising the steps for:

positioning the distal end of the cannula near a ~~tissue structure~~ target vessel;

engaging the ~~tissue structure~~ target vessel with the retractor for ~~selective manipulation thereof~~ resiliently displacing the target vessel laterally away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula; and

simultaneously engaging ~~the tissue structure~~ a branch vessel of the displaced target vessel with the surgical tool to ~~alter the tissue structure~~ sever the branch vessel from the target vessel.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The surgical procedure according to claim 21 in which the retractor and surgical tool are selectively deployed from the distal

end of the cannula ~~during the procedure~~ for simultaneous operation to sever the branch vessel from the target vessel.